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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-010217

Dear Mr. Cmar:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the agency on August 4, 2017.

Today, we are providing you with Interim 1, which includes 363 documents totaling 2139 pages of releasable records generated from a review of electronically stored information. We determined that portions of these documents should be withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), which protects information that is subject to the deliberative-process and attorney-client privileges. The portions of these documents that have been withheld under Exemption 5 consist of internal, pre-decisional, and deliberative communications that would harm agency decision-making if released and/or confidential communications between an agency attorney and client concerning legal advice. We also determined that portions of these documents should be withheld pursuant to: 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), Personal Privacy. The records are exempt from disclosure because they contain personal information which would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if released (PP).

We are continuing to process records responsive to your request. If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Anthony Sun of the U.S. Department of Justice at Anthony.Sun@usdoj.gov or (212) 637-2810.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert K. Wood", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Robert K. Wood, Director
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Enclosures:

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cc

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